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Brig. General A. J. Goodpaster
Staff Secretary
The White House

Dear Andy:

I thought you, and possibly the President, might be interested in reading the attached memorandum on the Soviet Bloc treatment of the President's television address and the UN debate on the U-2 incident.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

Attachment:

Memo to DCI from DD/I,
"Soviet Bloc Treatment of
President's Speech and UN Debate"

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : Soviet Bloc Treatment of President's
Speech and UN Debate

The following information is available on how much the Soviet people have been told about the President's TV address and Ambassador Lodge's Security Council speech:

a. Soviet media have represented the President's speech as an unsuccessful attempt to justify to a critical world public the United States' "provocative" policy of espionage against the USSR. The President's declaration of responsibility for intelligence operations is played up in TASS's 750-word account of the speech, which was first transmitted to the Soviet press on 26 May and has now been read twice in the home service and published in Moscow papers. The account disparagingly acknowledges the President's "professions" of an "intention to maintain businesslike relations" with the USSR. Soviet home service commentators so far have said little about the speech except to denounce it briefly as an effort to "justify espionage." Ambassador Lodge's 23 May Security Council speech was reported in brief, distorted form by TASS, PRAVDA, and the home service.

PRAVDA, IZVESTIA, LITERARY GAZETTE, and the home service have all carried comment charging Lodge with trying to whitewash the U-2 flights. No reference to Lodge's 26 May speech has yet been monitored from Soviet domestic media; a TASS transmission beamed abroad has mentioned it briefly and derisively. Soviet media have totally suppressed all Lodge's charges of Soviet espionage.

b. USIA advises that the first ten minutes of VOA's broadcast of the President's speech in Russian got through without interference, but the rest of that broadcast and all rebroadcasts in USSR languages were completely blanketed. Jamming of VOA's three Russian-language broadcasts giving ten-minute excerpts of the Lodge speech was only partially effective: A few minutes of the first broadcast got through; the second broadcast was jammed completely; the third was not jammed at all. A short VOA summary in Russian of Lodge's memorandum on Soviet espionage was totally blanketed. Seven-minute excerpts of yesterday's U.S. debate, which VOA has been broadcasting today in Soviet languages, have been completely blanked out. (It should be noted that English-speaking Russians could have heard VOA's live relays of the President's speech and the U.N. debates; these were not jammed.) Jamming of VOA's total output to the USSR has been selective.

Some 50 percent of the output was jammed on 22 May, a decrease from most of the preceding week. Since 22 May the percentage has risen again, reaching about 80 percent as of late last night.

c. Radio Liberty broadcast 84 summaries of the President's speech in seven Soviet languages (a total of about 210 broadcast hours), along with additional reportage of American reaction to the address. Radio Liberty reports that 5 to 20 percent of these broadcasts got through to rural areas, but that the programs were very largely unintelligible in the cities.

d. RFE--which only broadcasts to the European Satellites--reports that jammers missed the first five minutes of its live and simultaneous broadcasts of the President's speech to Eastern Europe. The broadcasts were interspersed with patched-in translations in satellite languages. RFE had begun broadcasting advance announcements of the speech hours before it began at 1:00 a.m. East European time. Despite this advance notice, RFE believes it caught the jammers napping because jamming was only 50 percent as intense as usual. Of 14 RFE broadcasts monitored in Berlin, only one was totally obliterated; nine came through with good intelligibility.

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